

Exhibit A

Notice of Successful Bidder

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

In re:

BIG LOTS, INC., *et al.*,

Debtors.¹

Chapter 11

Case No. 24-11967 (JKS)

(Jointly Administered)

NOTICE OF SUCCESSFUL BIDDER FOR THE SALE OF THE DEBTORS' ASSETS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, on September 9, 2024, the above-captioned Debtors filed the *Motion of Debtors for Entry of Orders (I) (A) Approving Bidding Procedures for Sale of Debtors' Assets, (B) Approving the Stalking Horse Bid Protections, (C) Scheduling Auction for, and Hearing To Approve, Sale of Debtors' Assets, (D) Approving Form and Manner of Notices of Sale, Auction, and Sale Hearing, and (E) Approving Assumption and Assignment Procedures, (II) (A) Approving Sale of Debtors' Assets Free and Clear of Liens, Claims, Interests, and Encumbrances and (B) Authorizing Assumption and Assignment of Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases, and (III) Granting Related Relief* [D.I. 18] (the “**Bidding Procedures Motion**”).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that on _____, 2024, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the “**Court**”) entered the *Order (A) Approving Bidding Procedures for Sale of Debtors' Assets, (B) Approving the Stalking Horse Bid Protections, (C) Scheduling Auction for, and Hearing To Approve, Sale of Debtors' Assets, (D) Approving Form and Manner of Notices of Sale, Auction, and Sale Hearing, and (E) Approving Assumption and Assignment Procedures* [D.I. [•]] (the “**Bidding Procedures Order**”)² by which the Court, among other things, approved procedures (the “**Bidding Procedures**”) to be used in connection with (i) one or more sales of the Debtors' assets free and clear of all liens, claims, encumbrances, and other interests, and (ii) an auction (the “**Auction**”) pursuant to section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code.

¹ The debtors and debtors in possession in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of their respective employer identification numbers, are as follows: Great Basin, LLC (6158); Big Lots, Inc. (9097); Big Lots Management, LLC (7948); Consolidated Property Holdings, LLC (0984); Broyhill LLC (7868); Big Lots Stores - PNS, LLC (5262); Big Lots Stores, LLC (6811); BLBO Tenant, LLC (0552); Big Lots Stores - CSR, LLC (6182); CSC Distribution LLC (8785); Closeout Distribution, LLC (0309); Durant DC, LLC (2033); AVDC, LLC (3400); GAFDC LLC (8673); PAFDC LLC (2377); WAFDC, LLC (6163); INFDC, LLC (2820); Big Lots eCommerce LLC (9612); and Big Lots F&S, LLC (3277). The address of the debtors' corporate headquarters is 4900 E. Dublin-Granville Road, Columbus, OH 43081.

² Capitalized terms use but not defined herein are defined in the Bidding Procedures Order.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to the Bidding Procedures Order, the Court approved Gateway BL Acquisition, LLC, an affiliate of Nexus Capital Management LP as the Stalking Horse Bidder for certain of the Debtors' assets (the "**Acquired Assets**") pursuant to the Asset Purchase Agreement, dated as of September 8, 2024, by and among Big Lots, Inc. and each of its subsidiaries and the Stalking Horse Bidder (the "**Stalking Horse Bid**").

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the bid deadline for competing Qualified Bids was October 15, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. (Prevailing Eastern Time) (the "**Bid Deadline**"), and the Auction was scheduled for October 18, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. (Prevailing Eastern Time). Prior to the Bid Deadline, the Debtors received [•] Qualified Bid[s] in addition to the Stalking Horse Bid.

[PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, in accordance with the Bidding Procedures and the Bidding Procedures Order, the Auction was held on October 18, 2024.]

[PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, at the conclusion of the Auction, the Debtors selected the bid from _____ (the "**Successful Bidder**") as the highest and best bid (the "**Successful Bid**"). The Debtors further selected the bid from _____ (the "**Alternative Bidder**") as the next highest or next best bid.]

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to the Bidding Procedures Order, the Debtors are potentially assuming and assigning certain contracts and leases to the Successful Bidder (the "**Potential Assumed Contracts**"). The list of Potential Assumed Contracts will be filed with the Court in advance of the Sale Hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Debtors will seek approval of the Sale of the Acquired Assets to the Successful Bidder at the hearing currently scheduled for **[November 4, 2024 at : .m.] (Prevailing Eastern Time)** before the Honorable Judge J. Kate Stickles, United States Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Delaware, at 824 North Market Street, 5th Floor, Courtroom #6, Wilmington, Delaware 19801. The hearing may be adjourned from time to time without further notice to creditors or other parties in interest other than by announcement of the adjournment in open court or by notice filed on the docket in these chapter 11 cases.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if you object to the Sale Transaction to the Successful Bidder or to the proposed assumption and assignment of an executory contract or unexpired lease or the proposed cure cost related to such assumption and assignment (each such objection, a "**Supplemental Sale Objection**"), your objection must (i) be in writing, (ii) conform to the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules and any orders of the Court, (iii) state with particularity the legal and factual basis for the objection and the specific grounds therefor, and (iv) be filed with the Court and served so as to be actually received no later than October 25, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. (ET) by the following parties: (1) counsel to the Debtors, (y) Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, 450 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10017, Attn: Brian M. Resnick, Esq., Adam L. Shpeen, Esq., Stephen D. Piraino, Esq., and Ethan Stern, Esq. (notice.biglots@davispolk.com) and (z) Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP, 1201 N. Market Street, 16th Floor, Wilmington, DE 19801, Attn: Robert J. Dehney, Sr., Esq., Andrew R.

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that copies of the Bidding Procedures Order and all related exhibits and other documents filed with the Court are available for review free of charge on the Debtors' Case Information Website, at <https://www.cases.ra.kroll.com/BigLots>.

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